



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! This Easter message echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we have our victory over death. Because Jesus has died and has risen, we have life everlasting. My friends, pray that we live our lives in and with and through the Risen Lord.

In the name of our Church Community here at Our Lady of Grace, the friars and staff wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter!

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night and the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday offer us the most moving experience of our faith. Celebrating these most holy days, let us pray for one another. In prayer, each one of us is lifted up. Along with our personal prayers for one another, know that you are being prayed for at our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies. You are the intention of our Eucharistic Celebrations. Our Risen Lord is with us. He sustains us so that we might live our lives walking in the His Light. Renouncing sin and professing our faith, we strive to do our best to be a faithful people, loving God and one another. My friends, the example we give and the prayers we offer are blessings. So please, offer prayers for the members of our Parish Family. Lift one another up. Ask the Risen Lord to be with every one of us all the days of our lives.

I ask that for a few moments you consider the Easter event! On Holy Thursday, Jesus sat down with His friends and shared The Supper of the Lord. The Eucharist was instituted. On Good Friday, Jesus Christ suffered and died. He was placed in the tomb and the tomb did not hold Him. He rose from the dead. On Easter Morn, the glory of the Risen Lord is revealed. We, like those who came to the tomb early Easter Morning, are in awe. Jesus is not in the tomb. Jesus Christ is risen and we shout: Alleluia, it is true. The Lord is Risen. It is true. As the Lord revealed Himself to His Disciples, He reveals Himself to us.

My friends, looking forward to these most holy days and beyond, thank you for your participation in the life of our Church.

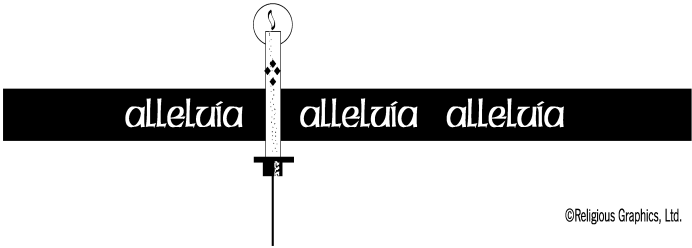
As we celebrate The Lord's Resurrection and during the Easter season of 50-days, joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on you, individually, and upon us as a faith community.

May you have a most blessed and Happy and Holy Easter!

Jesus Christ is Risen! It is true! Alleluia! Cristo ha resucitado. ¡Es verdad! ¡Alleluja!

Asking the Risen Lord to bless you,

Fr. Raphael, the Friars and Staff of Our Lady of Grace Church

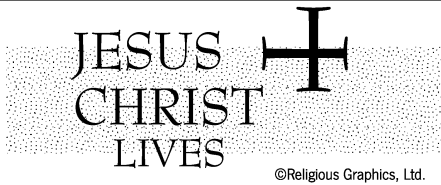


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Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy (April 7th)

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



EASTER OFFERING

Please know our gratitude for the ongoing and faithful financial support to our Parish. Your special Easter and Sunday offering help us meet our operating expenses. Our Easter Offering Budget this year is \$22,000. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing this goal. May God Bless you and your generosity!



**OLG SCHOOL'S FUN RUN
April 26th**

OLG School's Annual Healthy Kids Fun Run is scheduled for April 26th! The Fun Run is one of the most important fundraising activities OLG brings to our community all year.

Consider being a Sponsor to show your support and make an impact. With the funds raised, OLG will invest in OLG students with the school's needs-based scholarships and financial aid. *Logo Sponsorship is \$600. Family, Business Name and Class Sponsorship is \$300.*

Click the QR code to become a Sponsor and help OLG School achieve their \$56,500 goal!



**OLG LIONS AT THE LINKS
Charity Golf Tournament
Save the Date-May 13th**

Our Lady of Grace School will be hosting a golf tournament on Monday, **May 13th**. We invite you to support OLG, Castro Valley's top performing school, as part of *OLG Lions at the Links* and receive great visibility for your business—help close the gap with our needs-based scholarship fund for our outstanding and deserving scholars! We would also love our Parish Community to join us out at the links—so register to play today!

For more details, to sponsor and to register, please scan the QR code. Register today before prices increase after April 15th.



Questions? Please email: ptg@olgschool.org

APRIL PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will be closed Monday, **April 1st**. The entire staff wishes you a Blessed Easter.

Additionally, Jay our Parish Secretary will be away on vacation during the month of April. The office will be closed on these Fridays: **April 5th, 12th and 19th**. During the month of April if you have reason to visit the parish office please call in advance to assure someone will be there to assist you. We thank you for your understanding.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Whole Family-Year 1

Next Class: April 7th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program

Next Class: April 7th
10:15am—Augustine Center

First Communion-Year 2

Next Class: April 14th
10:15am—Retreat in Stack Center

Confirmation

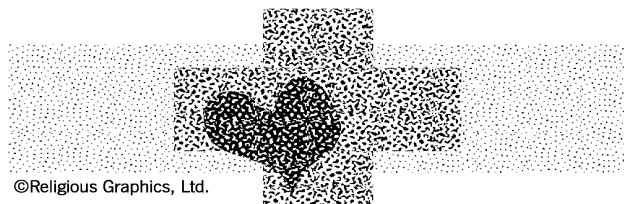
Next Class: April 14th
12:15pm—Stack Center

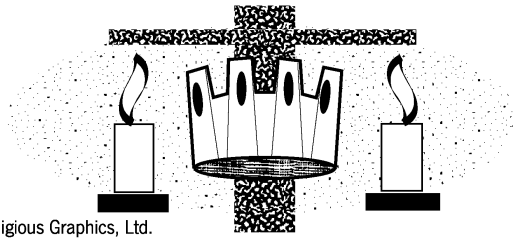
SEEKING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Participating in a liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies should utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Please consider offering your time as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Assignments are made on a rotating basis based on individual availability and Mass preference. Training is minimal. Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 and leave your contact information. Someone will get back to you. God Bless!

**THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
AND COLUMBIETTES !**

Please join us in thanking the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes for hosting our Hot Cross Buns event on Palm Sunday! We are most grateful for their hospitality helping to create an atmosphere of community here at OLG. God Bless you!





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CELEBRATE CHILDREN!

Dear Parents,

Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us. May we suggest:

- ***Relax.** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ***Sit** towards the front or aisle where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- ***Quietly** explain the parts of the Mass.
- ***Sing** the hymns and **pray** the prayers together.
Children learn from your actions.
- *If necessary, the Family Room located at the right side of the Church is available for your use.

To all Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to your Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!



**1ST FRIDAY
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **April 5th** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Conference Room. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room. Our next meeting will be on **April 6th**.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish!



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of for the Month of FEBRUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,099.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 49,608.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [11,509.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [16,975.00]

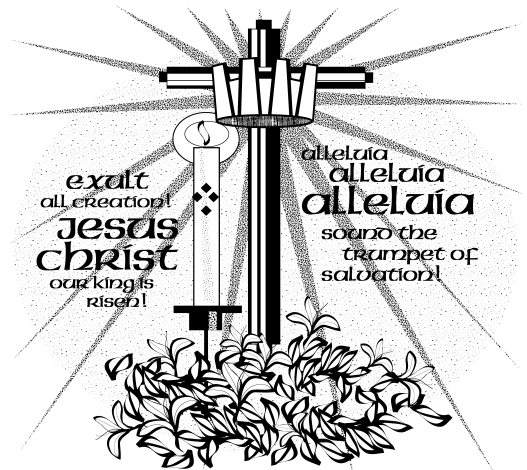
May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Jaime Arce | Diana Riley |
| Lois Belmessieri | Jenny Roberts |
| Jot Brown | Al Rojas |
| Raul Cepeda | Helen Star |
| Nancy French | Alyssia Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | James Van Wert |
| Brian Linney | Arthur Williams |
| Sheryl Michaud | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Julie Richardson | |



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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

SHIELA McALINDEN

MIKE MIRAGLIA

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



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**OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS
Did You Know??**



- We welcome Friar Joseph Martin, OFM Conv. to next year's faculty. Friar Joseph will provide support in mathematics to our students in the higher grades, joining our current teacher, Mr. Stone, who works with grades 3-5. Just another way of ensuring that our curriculum is robust and individualized.
- Latin is taught as part of our Language Arts curriculum in order to strengthen grammatical and memorization skills and to reinforce our Catholic identity.
- Individualized tours are available by contacting the Principal at our website: www.olgschool.org.

Blessings to all!

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**



If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held on **April 3rd** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION



Join us on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation and on Saturdays, immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Let uscome closer to the Immaculata each day; then, through that, we shall come ever closer to the Heart of Jesus, to God the Father, to the entire Most Holy Trinity, because no other creature is as close to God as the Immaculata. Then, all [those who are] close to our hearts shall by the same token come closer to the Immaculata and to Almighty God, including the poor pagans, who are in need of missionaries.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31st:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am—Church

Spanish Mass
1:00pm—Church

Monday, April 1st:

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2nd:

Men's Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, April 3rd:

Pre-Baptism Class
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, April 4th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, April 5th:

Parish Office Closed

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, April 6th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, April 7th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

1st Communion Class—Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program
10:15am—Augustine Center



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 31st
 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 7:30am – 9:00am – 11:00am – 1:00pm (Spanish)

MONDAY, April 1st
 8:15am The Linney Family

TUESDAY, April 2nd
 8:15am Dewey Bargiacchi – D

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd
 8:15am Mary Borges – D

THURSDAY, April 4th
 8:15am Raul A. Ortega – D

FRIDAY, April 5th
 8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva – D

SATURDAY, April 6th
 8:15am Marcelino Perdido – D
 5:00pm Jesus San Nicolas – D

SUNDAY, April 7th
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Anty Zaldivar – D
 11:00am Maria Ha Vo – D
 1:00pm Ricardo Preciado – D

UNBOUND—FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Respond to the good news of the gospel and apply truth to your life. Take hold of the freedom Christ won for you! All are invited on **April 20th (9:00am-4:30pm)** to participate in this one-day conference held at St. Raymond's Church in Dublin at 11555 Shannon Avenue. Early bird registration is \$35 and includes lunch.

Scan the QR code for early bird registration by April 10th.



After April 10th, registration is \$45.



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Flower donation envelopes may be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 1st through April 7th

- Monday: Acts 2:14,22-23; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31



*if today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts*

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WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our theme this year is *“Joy for the Journey: Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I Say Rejoice.”*

Our meeting will be at the Transfiguration Church Hall.

Next Meeting: **April 4th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Lisa Northway

Topic: *“Radical Abundance: Letting Joy Take You to Your Peaceful Purpose”*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at willkiecarolyn@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is contrary to reason to hold that war is now a suitable way to restore rights which have been violated.”

-Pope John Paul XXIII, 1963

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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